

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF USED CLOTHES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the domestic textile industry has suffered huge losses on account of the import of used clothes from abroad;
- (b) whether this has resulted in huge loss of foreign exchange also;
- (c) whether the Government propose to impose restrictions on the import of used clothes; and
- (d) if so, the details of the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA

(a) & (b) The imported used clothes compete unfairly with the domestic garment industry. The downstream spinning & weaving industry is also affected, as the local fabrics are not used. The import of used clothing have increased from Rs. 17.46 Crore in 1998-99 to Rs. 278.62 Crore in 2003-04.

(c)& (d) The Government has already imposed restrictions on the import of used clothes by bringing them under the 'Restricted list of Imports' vide Notification No. 7/2004-09 dated the 27th October, 2004 issued by Department of Commerce.